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28 JUL 1978

18 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting at Department of State  
1100-1130 hours, 17 July 1978

PARTICIPANTS: Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-  
American Affairs designate Viron P. Vaky  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for  
Inter-American Affairs John Bushnell  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for  
Inter-American Affairs Sally A. Shelton  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for  
Inter-American Affairs Francis J. McNeil  
Assistant Secretary of State for Economic  
Affairs Richard Arellano  
INR/DDC Theodore J. Heavner

Chief, Latin America Division

Acting Deputy Chief, Latin America Division

1. Chief, LA congratulated Mr. Vaky on his new appointment. Mr. Vaky said that he had been confirmed on 14 July and would be sworn in on 21 July.

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4. Review of Human Rights Policy as it Pertains to Latin America. Chief, LA asked whether Mr. Vaky intended to review the effect that U.S. policy on human rights was having on our relations with Latin America. Chief, LA said that the policy was a clear success in protecting the rights of the person but debatable insofar as moving military governments towards democratic principles and procedures. Mr. Arcellano recommended that USG review the monetary cost of the policy through the loss of sales to many Latin American countries. Miss Shelton said that the arms suppliers were complaining, not only about the loss of sales but about the bureaucratic delays involved in their requesting export licenses. Mr. Vaky said that the issue was a broad one which needed considerable thought. He also said that he was going to keep a weather eye open for alignments of military regimes against the U.S. on various issues.

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8. Possible Use by the Chileans of an Alleged Townley-CIA Connection. Mr. McNeil referred to a recent message from the Ambassador in Santiago in which he said he had reason to

believe that the Chileans would construct a case that Michael Townley was a CIA agent. Mr. McNeill said that he intended to draft instructions for use by the Ambassador with President Pinochet with the objective of forestalling any Chilean use of the allegation to divert attention from their role in the Letelier murder. Chief, LA suggested that if the Chileans did in fact publicize the allegation he would favor a public denial rather than the usual "no comment." Mr. McNeill agreed and added that the Department would have to devise a proper public response.

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Acting Deputy Chief,  
Latin America Division

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